

filled with decent, honest, God-loving people who have a tremendous sense of community. Certainly, Reverend Hargrave's leadership has had a tremendous impact on all of their lives.

As a voice of comfort and reason, Reverend Hargrave committed himself to the church and provided guidance and wisdom to those in his congregation and community. Anyone who has ever known Reverend Hargrave knows full well that his heart is filled with love, compassion, and faith. His presence always put everyone at ease.

I wish Reverend Hargrave and his family all the best. We all thank him for his service and commitment to the Ebenezer Baptist Church and all the people of the great and good city of Englewood.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE 4-H CLUB

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of one of America's foremost youth organizations, the 4-H Club. In February, the 4-H Club will celebrate their centennial by holding a "National Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century," the results of which will be reported to the President and Congress.

Since its founding in 1902, the National 4-H Club has helped in the education and development of our nation's youth. While 4-H started agricultural in nature, it has since evolved to include a variety of different educational programs for children in rural as well as urban areas, ranging from environmental preservation to career exploration and workforce preparation.

I congratulate the 4-H Clubs of Pennsylvania on their commitment to our nation's leaders of tomorrow. The past 100 years have proven the necessity for the 4-H Club and other similar educational organizations, and I wish for their continued success for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DAN RAMIREZ

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Ms. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of good things going on in our communities that you don't necessarily hear about in the news. Recently, a friend in Charlotte, Dan Ramirez, went above and beyond the call of duty to help a young man, dying of leukemia, get home to his family. Greyban Saenz, a 24 year old native of Honduras, wanted to be with his family. The Buddy Kemp Cancer Caring House in Charlotte contacted Dan the Monday before Thanksgiving to see if there was anything that he could do to help. Dan didn't think twice. He jumped right in to help find an affordable flight and someone to accompany

Greyban on that flight. He worked through Thanksgiving, and got Greyban a flight, met him at the airport, made sure he was safely on the plane, and he even translated the doctor's discharge papers' into Spanish. Dan did all this for a man he had only known for 5 days. Greyban flew home to his family the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving. Dan later said that as sick as Greyban was, he was animated and excited that morning. Glad to go home. I'm thankful for people like Dan Ramirez who go the extra mile to help someone in need. It's people like that make America strong.

TRIBUTE TO CREDIT UNIONS' ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED BY FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks, many of our financial institutions have gone the extra mile to be of assistance to those affected by the incidents and their aftermath.

I rise today to pay particular tribute to the CEOs and volunteer board members of North Carolina credit unions.

Representatives of those credit unions, and of the North Carolina Credit Union League and CUNA, recently made the trip to Washington to visit my office not long after September 11.

While they had thought of canceling the trip out of respect for the larger issues stemming from the tragedy, they instead came to offer their support to this Congress. They also pledged that their credit unions will remain committed to serving the changing financial needs of their members and the citizens of North Carolina during this period of economic uncertainty.

For example, Mr. Speaker, the 3rd District of North Carolina is home to three major military bases—Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base—all of which are served by a credit union. These credit union employees help military personnel and their families with the money challenges that they face during these difficult times, and have committed to safeguarding the financial well being of our service men and women deployed overseas.

For instance, the staff of First Flight Federal Credit Union in Havelock, NC, has been working with the base legal department at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point to ensure that family members have the appropriate authority to conduct financial transactions on behalf of the service member while they are deployed.

Another example is the Seymour Johnson Federal Credit Union in Goldsboro, NC, which has established a call center hotline to provide support and answer questions from family members whose spouses have been deployed.

Mr. Speaker, time does not permit me to list all the great things that these credit unions are doing to assist their members—both military

and civilian during these difficult economic times. But their efforts deserve our praise and our thanks.

I urge my colleagues to speak with the credit unions and other financial institutions in their own districts to learn about all the ways they are helping their customers during this time of need. Through the efforts these financial institutions, and others, we will not only weather this storm but we will be economically stronger for it.

REMARKS BY RABBI MICHAEL MILLER

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, this past month, the Queens community of Belle Harbor was shaken by the crash of American Airlines flight 587. As many of you know, this neighborhood had already been hit particularly hard by the attacks of September 11, as dozens of Belle Harbor residents lost their lives to the attacks, many of them firefighters. A number of us have struggled to find the appropriate words to articulate our emotions during these times of unfathomable loss. At the memorial service for flight 587 the Sunday after the crash, Rabbi Michael Miller managed to find those words. I wanted to share his eloquence with my colleagues, and that is why I ask unanimous consent that these remarks be inserted into the RECORD. I hope that my colleagues will find them as comforting as inspiring as I have.

REMARKS AT A PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES #587, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2001, 2:00 PM, RIIS PARK, QUEENS, NY

In our Jewish tradition it is proper to express appreciation to one's hosts. And it is within that spirit that I thank Mayor Giuliani for convening this service, and for his determined and compassionate leadership, along with Governor Pataki, Senators Schumer and Clinton, and Congressman Anthony Weiner during these difficult times.

[PSALM 121]

Last Monday morning, hundreds of people, men, women and children, the young and the old, woke up before dawn and rose from their beds. A trip was to be taken to the Dominican Republic.

In apartments, houses and hotel rooms last Monday morning, there was the predictable last minute rush. The checklist of things to take. Packing that extra shirt, a pair of stockings, a gift for family in Santo Domingo . . .

And, no doubt, last Monday morning, there was the presence of that anxiety which accompanies travel. Tickets. Passports. Would the car service come on time? Will we get to the airport with minutes to spare? Do we have too much baggage? Too little?

Inevitably, last Monday morning, or maybe it was last Sunday night, there was the farewell. Fathers, mothers; wives, husbands; sons, daughters; sisters, brothers; grandmothers, grandfathers; friends, lovers.

The farewell: a kiss; an embrace, A shake of the hand, or a wave. A "so long" over the phone, "have a good trip."

A farewell. But not a goodbye.